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APPARATUS FOR WINDOWS
OF MOTOR VEHICLES

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**COMMENTS REGARDING REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE AND
EXAMINER'S INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Sir:

This communication is further to the telephonic interview between the Examiner and the undersigned Applicant's Representative on May 29, 2007, and is in reply to the Examiner's comments regarding allowable subject matter on page 3 of the Notice of Allowability dated May 29, 2007 for the above-referenced patent application. No extension of time petition or fee is required to accompany this communication.

In the Examiner's Interview mentioned above, independent claims 14 and 23 were discussed in light of the August 30, 2006 Response, Amendment, and Examiner's Interview Summary and the Remarks made by the Applicant's Representative therein. The Examiner proposed a number of amendments to claims 14 and 23 to further clarify the subject matter claimed. These proposed amendments were noted as being acceptable by the Applicant's

Representative, and were transmitted to the Examiner by the Applicant's Representative in a confirmatory facsimile shortly thereafter.

With reference to the Examiner's comments regarding allowable subject matter (also mentioned above), the Examiner implies that allowance of claims 14-20, 22-30, and 32 in the present application is based upon certain recited features of claims 14-20, 22-30, and 32. However, the Applicant respectfully submits that the Reasons for Allowance set forth only some of the features and elements of claims 14-20, 22-30, and 32, and only represent some of the reasons why these claims are allowable. The Applicant respectfully submits that a number of other features, elements, and functional relationships claimed in claims 14-20, 22-30, and 32 provide additional and different bases for allowance of the claims.

The Applicant respectfully submits that each of claims 14-20, 22-30, and 32 is separately patentable based upon the combinations of features, elements, and relationships thereof claimed in claims 14-20, 22-30, and 32 rather than upon any one feature, element, or sub-combination of features and/or elements as suggested in the Examiner's comments on page 3 of the May 29, 2007 Notice of Allowability.

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